

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the specification by replacing the first paragraph on page 1 that begins with the text "This application is a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Patent Application Serial No.'s" with the following paragraph showing the changes from the original text:

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This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/818,037, now U.S. Patent No. 6,230,203, which was ~~This application is a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Patent Application Serial No.'s 08/627,062, now U.S. Patent No. 5,790,806, filed April 3, 1996, entitled "Cable Data network Architecture" of Francis R. Koperda and 08/738,668, now U.S. Patent No. 5,966,163, filed October 16, 1996, entitled "Constant Bit Rate Transport in a Contention Based Medium Access Control" of Francis R. Koperda and Bouchang Lin.~~

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